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its system. To those who use this system (and the number is large) the digest will be of great value, as it will give references to the respective reporters in which the cases are reported in full. Of little less value will it be to those who, though making no use of the various reporters, nevertheless desire a concise statement of the various points decided by the State Courts of last resort and by the U. S. courts, long before they are incorporated in any regular digest.

THE STUDENT'S KENT. [By Edward F. Thompson. Boston and N. Y., Houghton, Mifflin, & Co., Riverside Press, 1886. Sm. 8vo. 338 pp.] This little book of 350 pages gives, in a condensed form, the principles as laid down by Kent, with the modifications made since his time. It is as comprehensive as the original, and at the same time is so handy and well indexed that it can be of service to the active lawyer making a hasty search for elementary principles as well as to the young student just entering upon the study of the law.

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AN ESSAY ON PROFESSIONAL ETHICS, by Hon. George Sharswood, LL.D. Fifth edition. 8vo. 182 pp. Philadelphia, T. & J. W. Johnson & Co., 1884.

THE PRINCIPLES OF THE LAW RELATING TO THE DISCHARGE OF CONTRACTS, by Robert Ralston, of the Philadelphia bar. 8vo. 60 pp. Philadelphia, T. & J. W. Johnson & Co., 1886.

THE LAW IN SHAKESPEARE, by Cushman K. Davis. St. Paul, West Pub. Co., 1884 (2d ed.). 8vo. 303 pp.